Remarks

This supplemental amendment follows a telephone conference held with the Examiner on May 27, 2005. The general purport of this conference is that the case would be allowable if claim 17 were cancelled and claims 14-16 rewritten to modify their current dependency on claims 1, 5 and 7.

In view of the Examiner's indication of allowability of claim 1, claims 5-7 have been rewritten in dependent form. These claims were originally written in such form, but were later rewritten in independent form in view of the Examiner's previous indication of allowability of those claims but not claim 1. Since claim 1 is now also indicated to be allowable, there is no reason for keeping these claims in independent form. Writing claims 5-7 in dependent form will also facilitate comparison with the corresponding program product claims.

Claims 14-17 have been cancelled. New claims 18-23 correspond to claims 1 and 3-7, but are directed to computer program products. Thus, new independent claim 18 recites that the program code comprises an activation module and an interception module, with the description of these two modules exactly paralleling that of claim 1. Similarly, claims 19-23 contain dependencies and recitations that exactly parallel those of claims 3-7, respectively.

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